

**The Specification**

Please amend the following paragraphs of the application.

Amend paragraph 19 of the published application to now read as follows.

[0019] FIG. 2 is a side perspective view of an LVS catheter 21 in accord with an alternative embodiment of the present invention. Visible in FIG. 2 are the various sections labeled 23 through 29, and 201 through 204 of the LVS catheter 21. These sections differ in hardness from one another with hardnesses ranging from 30D (durameter) to 82D (durameter). Also visible in FIG. 2 is a flushing line 22 coupled to the LVS catheter 21 and entrance and exit orifices 26 ~~exit orifices 206~~ and 205.

Amend paragraph 29 of the published application to now read as follows.

[0029] FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken along line V-V of FIG. 3. As can be seen in FIG. 4, the steering guide catheter 31 contains a lubricious material 49, in this case a PTFE liner, a plurality of flushing orifices 35 ~~flushing orifices 46~~, an outer layer 45, a reinforcing member or structure 44, an inner layer 47, and a channel 48. The reinforcing member 44, in this embodiment a braid, may be used to help strengthen the steering guide catheter, it may also improve the kink resistance of the steering guide catheter 31. Comparatively, the lubricious material 49, in this case a PTFE liner, may be used to help facilitate the travel of another catheter within the channel 48 during the performance of a medical procedure.